



White Tailed Deer Fact Sheet #2 Management for Landowners

If you feel that deer are causing property damage on your land here are some management options you might wish to try.

- **Fencing:** Electric or woven deer fencing with proper design and installation can offer protection from deer. It is important to note that deer can jump up to ten feet in height. Installation costs vary depending in property size and terrain. Costs can be from \$180 to \$600 and higher per acre.
- **Reduce Attraction:** The frequency and quantity of deer visiting your property may be caused by the attractiveness to them. Deer seek food and water sources as well as sites that feel safe from danger. Birdfeeders attract deer to yards, generally at night. Place feeders out of deer reach and fill only in the morning. Try to minimize water availability. Fruit trees should be harvested and fallen fruit on the ground should be picked up. Compost areas and ornamental gardens should be fenced. Plants can be substituted with deer resistant plants. The presence of a dog on a property has been proven to be an effective tool in deterring deer from your property. In order to be more effective the dog should be let out sporadically rather than at a regular scheduled time.
- **Population control:** Birth control methods are currently still in the research phase and are not available. Research has shown that birth control methods have only been proven effective in small isolated areas and have not had any impact on large areas where deer can roam free. the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) does not permit trapping and relocating deer. The problem is only being transferred to another area. Currently hunting is the only proven effective population control method. All hunting in New York is regulated by the DEC. For information on hunting regulations in New York contact the DEC at (518) 402- 8919 or www.dec.state.ny.us.

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